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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC - NATURAL RESOURCES - FRENCH/AMERICAN
RESOLUTIONS ITEM 5

1, SUMMARY. FRENCH AND AMERICANS INTRODUCED THREE
RESOLUTIONS SUBJECT ITEM. THEREAFTER 12 DELEGATIONS
INTERVENED TO INSIST THAT LINKAGE BETWEEN RAW MATERIALS
AND MANUFACTURED GOODS MUST BE CENTRAL FEATURE OF FRENCH
OBSERVATORY AND/OR AMERICAN EMINENT PERSONS OR, IF
RESOLUTION MERGED, LINKAGE MUST BE CENTRAL FEATURE OF
MERGER. UK ONLY OTHER WEO INTERVENING ON PRECEDURAL
POINT. EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS THROUGHOUT NIGHT AND EARLY
MORNING INDICATE CLEARLY G-77 POSITION IN "LINGAGE" AND THAT G-77
PREPARED TO STEAMROLLER AS IN SPECIAL SESSION. FRENCH,
WHO CANNOT ACCEPT INDEXATION, PREPARED TO WITHDRAW
OBSERVATORY RESOLUTION. ACTION REQUESTED: CONSIDERATION
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OF OPTIONS BELOW. DECISION TIME MAY BE REACHED LATE

THIS AFTERNOON JULY 17. END SUMMARY.

2. FRENCH AND US INTRODUCED SUBJECT RESOLUTIONS IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WITH STATEMENTS THAT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONTINUING BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS FROM COMMITTEE AS BACKGROUND FOR PREPARATION COMBINED RESOLUTION. TEN LDC PLUS UK AND CHINA RESPONDED.

3. THRUST OF COMMENT WAS BOTH RESOLUTIONS INADEQUATE ON GROUNDS THEY DEALT WITH ONLY PART OF PROBLEM, I.E., LDC RAW MATERIAL EXPORTS. THEY DID NOT PROVIDE FOR IMPORTANT ASPECT OF PRICES OF MANUFACTURED GOODS IMPORTED BY LDCS. WE REGARD THIS SOLID POSITION AS ATTEMPT TO CONVERT TWO RESOLUTIONS INTO NEW EFFORT LINKING RAW MATERIALS TO MANUFACTURED GOODS PRICES, I.E., INDEXATION.

4. BRAZIL OPENED AND SAID LDC PROBLEM WAS BETTER CONDITIONS OF TRADE, ACCESS TO MARKETS, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR, AND PRICING OF MANUFACTURED GOODS. SAID NEED WAS TO ESTABLISH LINK BETWEEN LDC IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICES. DESCRIBED US RESOLUTION AS INFLATION OF EMINENT PERSONS, NOT SOMETHING NEW SINCE 54TH ECOSOC HAD SIMILAR RESOLUTION ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND NEW EARLY WARNING ALARM WOULD ONLY MAKE ADJUSTMENT TO SUPPLY AND DEMAND MORE DIFFICULT. MEXICO FOLLOWED WITH SUPPORT FOR BRAZIL AND CALLED FOR STUDY OF ALL PRICES INCLUDING THE RIGHT PRICE TO PAY FOR TECHNOLOGY, RIDICULED EMINENT PERSONS IDEA.

5. UK NOTING 54TH ECOSOC RESOLUTION AND FRENCH INTENTION AVOID DUPLICATION WITH FAO AND UNCTAD REQUESTED REPRESENTATIVES THOSE BODIES AND DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE WITH STATEMENT OF WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.

6. IVORY COAST AGREED WITH BRAZIL RE PRICES ON MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES AND REQUESTED DROPPING COST OF REPLACEMENT REFERENCE IN FRENCH RESOLUTION AS MEANING RESEARCH INTO SYNTHETICS AS MEANS TO REPLACE NATURAL MATERIALS. JAMAICA ENDORSED GENERAL PRICE COLLECTION
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INCLUDING MANUFACTURES AS DID IRAN. YUGOSLAVIA FURTHER SUPPORTED BRAZIL, SAID OBSERVATORY TOO IMPORTANT TO START NOW, EXISTING MACHINERY OF UN SHOULD BE USED, NOTED EARLY WARNING IDEA MAY BE USEFUL BUT SHOULD FIRST BE APPLIED TO MONETARY, FINANCE AND OTHER PROBLEM AREAS. ALGERIA SUPPORTED BRAZIL AND OPPOSED GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS AND SAID INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUES SHOULD BE STUDIED. ETHIOPIA

STATED PROBLEM IS NOT DISCOVERING RESOURCES BUT USING AND PROCESSING THEM. SUPPLY AND DEMAND PROBLEMS COME FROM MARKETING MACHINERY, HE SAID.

7. UGANDA SAID OF SIX RESOLUTIONS AT SPECIAL SESSION THAT TWO WERE MATURE AND READY TO BE PASSED AND FOUR WERE NOT. HE REGARDED PRESENT FOUR RESOLUTIONS AS PREMATURE FOR DECISION. HE ALSO AGREED WITH BRAZIL AND ALGERIA AND NOTED LINK SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURED PRICES. JORDAN AND ZAIRE REPEATED NEED FOR LINK. CHINA STATED SUPPORT FOR VIEWS OF BRAZIL, ALGERIAN AND UGANDA.

8. MOST SPEAKERS ENCOURAGED US AND FRENCH TO COMBINE RESOLUTIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE PRELIMINARY COMMENTS. ALL REFRAINED FROM DISCUSSING FRENCH RESOLUTION ON ENERGY WHICH HAD ALSO BEEN INTRODUCED AND SAID THEY WOULD DO SO AT NEXT MEETING.

9. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT AS RESULT THIS SESSION FRENCH NOW PLANNING WITHDRAW ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY RESOLUTION. WHETHER OR NOT FRENCH WITHDRAW, IN LIGHT OF G-77 POSITION THERE IS NO PROSPECT OF A MERGER ACCEPTABLE TO US.

10. OPTIONS APPEAR TO US TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) PROCEDURAL DECISION TO TRANSMIT DRAFT RES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
 - (B) REFERRAL OF DRAFT RES TO COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.
 - (C) WITHDRAWAL OF RES WITH INDICATION OF INTENT TO REINTRODUCE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
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- (D) WITHDRAWAL OF RES WITH EXPLANATION OF REGRET G-77 POSITIONS AND RE-EXPLANATION USG INTENT AND POSITION.

11. US DEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS OPTION (D) SUPRA. OPTIONS (A) AND (B) WHILE MORE THAN FACESAVING DEVICE NONETHELESS PRESENT THE RISK THAT REFERRAL RESOLUTION WOULD BE AMENDED INCLUDE INDEXATION ISSUE. OPTION (C) MERELY BUYS TIME BETWEEN NOW AND GA WHERE WE WILL BE FACED WITH EVEN LARGER STEAMROLLER.

12. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ONCE AMENDMENT MADE TO US DRAFT EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER DRAFT RES LOST. THEREFORE, PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTION US DEL INTENDS WITHDRAW RESOLUTION IF UNACCEPTABLE AMENDMENT

(LINKAGE) IN OFFING. WE INTEND AVOID AT ALL COSTS
SITUATION WHERE USG WOULD BE REQUIRED TO VOTE AGAINST
OUR OWN RES BECAUSE OF UNACCEPTABLE AMENDMENT. DALE

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